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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2002, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. Applicant(s) submit(s) the following Amendment and Remarks.

The period in which to respond has been extended three months by a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (a) submitted herewith. It is not believed that fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0662.

Kindly enter the following Amendment: